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SUBJECT : VISIT OF AMBASSADOR TOON TO RIJEKA

1. RIJEKA EXTENDED WARM OFFICIAL HAND OF WELCOME TO AMBASSADOR TOON AND NEW CG KAISER OCTOBER 10-11. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH OFFICIALS AND WITH SHIPYARD AND PRESS LEADERS, YUGOSLAVS STRESSED IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO "COMMUNICATION" AND TO EXTENDING ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN US AND RIJEKA.

2. DURING HIS CONCENTRATED OCTOBER 11 TRIP TO RIJEKA, THE AMBASSADOR:

A. PAID COURTESY CALL ON MAYOR NIKOLA PAVLETIC, WHO UNDERScoreD THE DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING FURTHER ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL TIES, INCLUDING TOURISM;

B. TOURED THE LARGEST RIJEKA SHIPYARD, "3 MAJ," GUIDED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL MILOVAN TUHTAN, WHO, IN ADDITION TO NOTING THAT THE "3 MAJ" HAD HAD ONLY LITTLE CONTACT WITH US FIRMS, OBSERVED THAT THIS WAS FIRST US AMBASSADORIAL VISIT IN AT LEAST 10 YEARS (EMBASSY WILL REPORT DETAILS OF SHIPYARD VISIT SEPARATELY); AND

C. HOSTED OFFICIAL OPENING OF NASA-SPONSORED "EYEWITNESS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SPACE" ART EXHIBITION, WHICH DREW MORE THAN 150 YUGOSLAVS,

INCLUDING MAYOR NIKOLA PAVLETIC; PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PETROSLAV SMOLEIC; VICE PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL CITY ASSEMBLY SLAVKO GRZINCIC; AND A LARGE NUMBER OF IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVES FROM CULTURAL-POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITY, COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, AND MEDIA. THIS WAS A MUCH LARGER OFFICIAL TURNOUT THAN IN LJUBLJANA.

3. ON OCTOBER 10, CG MADE COURTESY CALL ON MAYOR PAVLETIC; CALLED ON RECTOR ZORISLAV SAPUNAR AND COLLEGIUM OF PROFESSORS AT ONE-YEAR-OLD UNIVERSITY IN RIJEKA; MET WITH PRESIDENT KAZIMIR JELOVICA AND OTHERS OF RIJEKA ECONOMIC CHAMBER; AND VISITED WITH DIRECTOR AND DEPTUY EDITOR OF "NOVI LIST" PUBLISHING HOUSE. PAO CATHERMAN AND BPAO DALY ALSO MET WITH "NOVI LIST" EDITORS.

4. AMBASSADOR'S ACTIVITIES, OPENING OF EXHIBIT, AND CALLS BY EMBASSY AND CONGEN OFFICERS WERE DESCRIBED IN CORDIAL TERMS AND GIVEN EXCELLENT COVERAGE BY LOCAL PRESS AND RADIO. KAISER

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